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# DAKAR DEVIL



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WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-DEGREE RADAR SENSE.

FOR YEARS, MATT USED HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY AS DAREDEVIL, UNTIL HE SACRIFICED HIS LIFE TO SAVE THE SOULS OF HIS FRIENDS, WHO HAD BEEN TRAPPED IN HELL BY THE SADISTIC HAND CULT. RECENTLY, MATT SOMEHOW RETURNED TO LIFE--BORN AGAIN AS A CATHOLIC PRIEST OVERSEEING SAINT NICHOLAS' YOUTH HOME.

BUT DEMONIC ENTITIES HAVE TARGETED THOSE WHO WERE CLOSE TO HIM--INCLUDING ELEKTRA NATCHIOS, BEN URICH AND SHE-HULK. THE BATTLE FOR THEIR SOULS REAWAKENED MATT'S LONG-HIDDEN MEMORIES OF HIS PREVIOUS LIFE--HE IS DAREDEVIL ONCE MORE!

WHO WILL BE NEXT?!

# DAREDEVIL

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**ST. NICHOLAS',  
HELL'S KITCHEN.**

BLESS ME,  
FATHER, FOR I  
HAVE SINNED.

MY LAST  
CONFESSION WAS  
YESTERDAY.

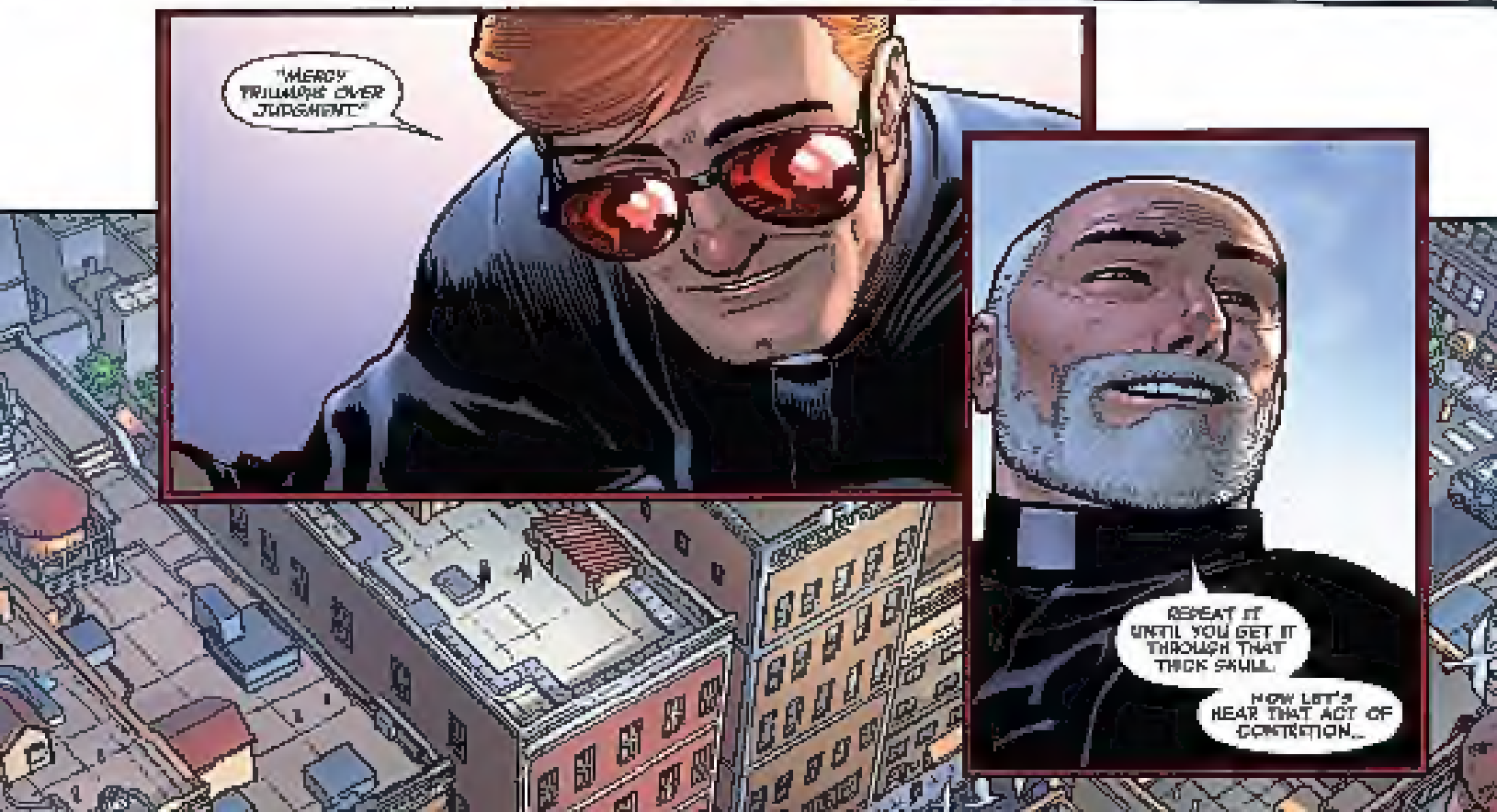
I'VE BEEN  
SLOTHFUL IN MY  
DUTY.

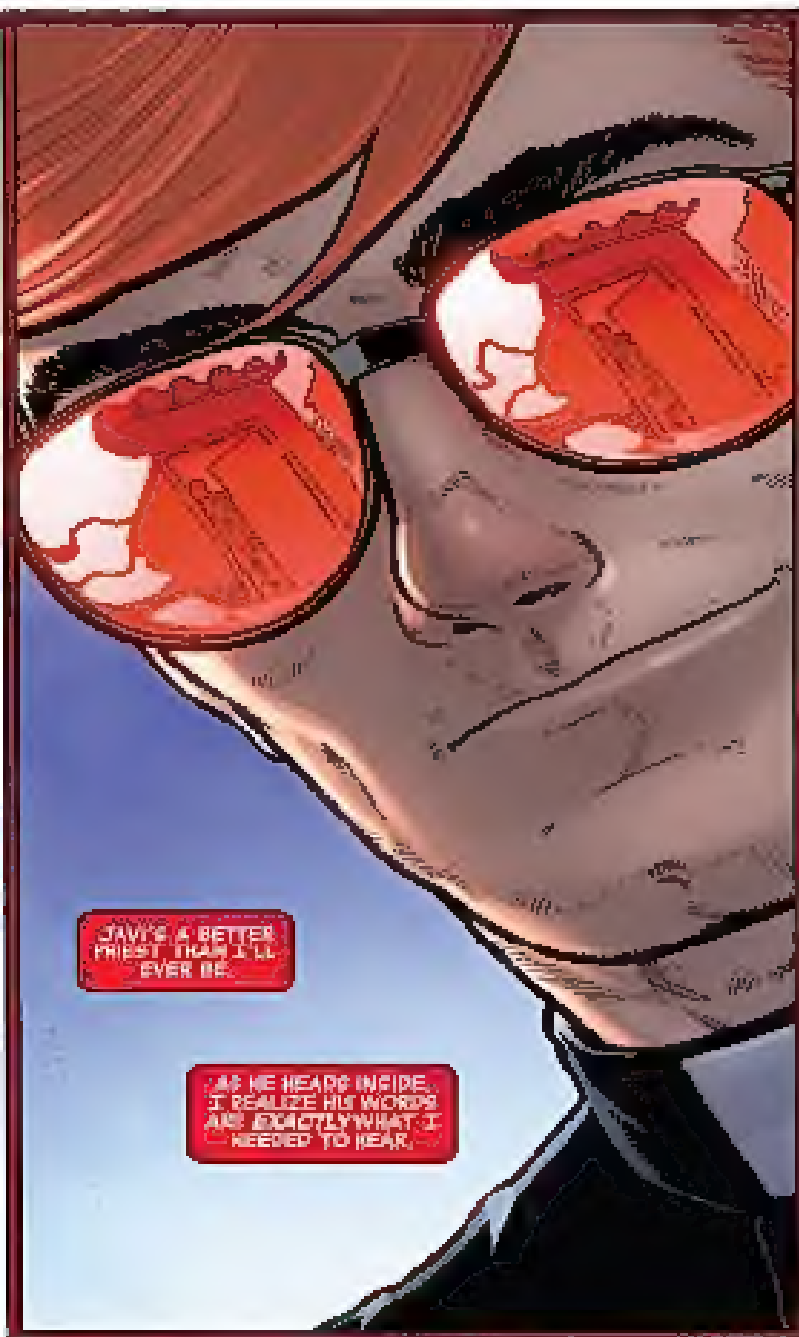
ENVIOUS  
OF OTHERS'  
HAPPINESS.

SOUGHT  
ESCAPE IN  
QUITTOWN.

AND I'VE  
SINNED AGAINST  
GOD IN WAYS  
I'VE YET TO  
RECOGNIZE.

I PRAY  
YOU'LL HELP ME  
ROOT OUT THOSE SINS  
AND REPENT OF THEM.  
I'VE FAILED MISERABLY  
AT DOING SO  
MYSELF.





JAVI'S A BETTER  
PRIEST THAN I'LL  
EVER BE.

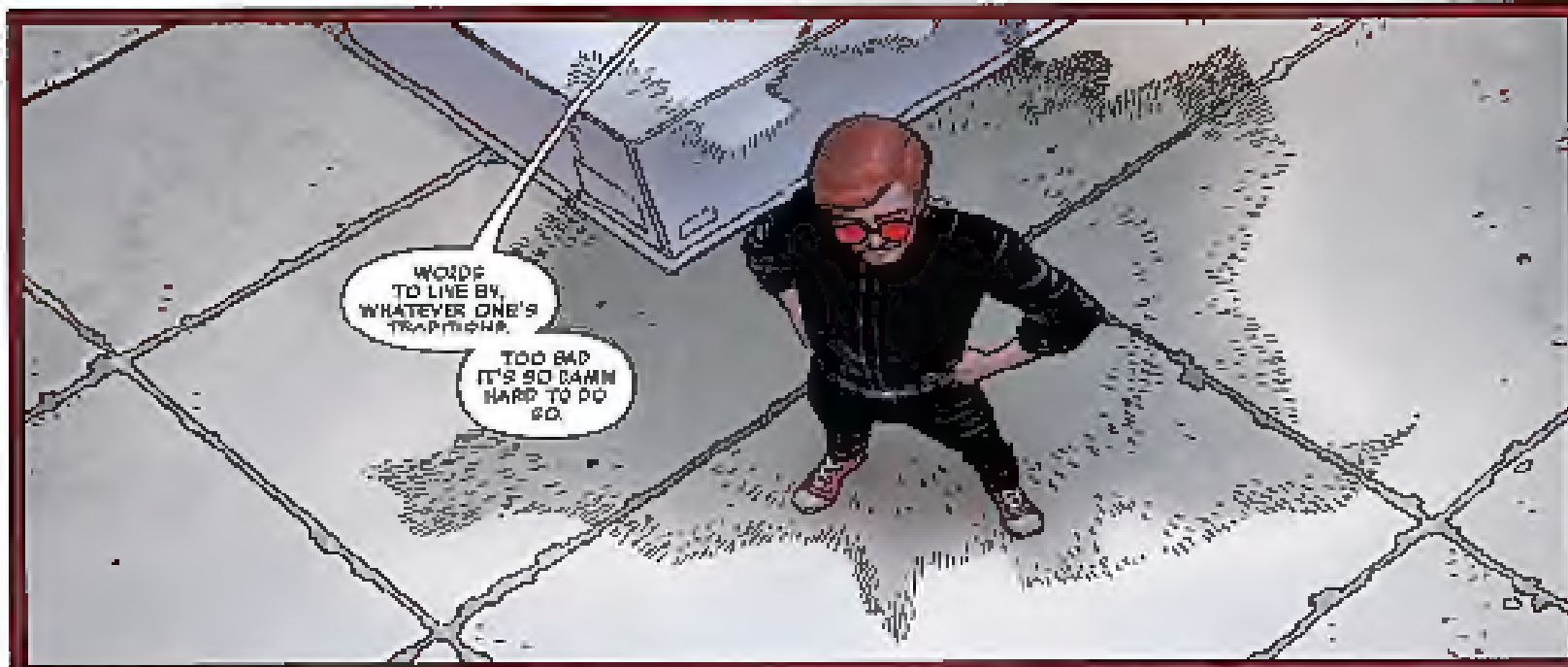
AS HE HEADS INSIDE,  
I REALIZE HIS WORDS  
ARE EXACTLY WHAT I  
NEEDED TO HEAR.



ACROSS TWO LIVES  
NOW, I'VE SPENT  
COUNTLESS HOURS  
DREADING BEING  
JUDGED BY GOD.

BUT NOT NEARLY  
ENOUGH OF THEM  
REFLECTING ON HOW  
MERCIFUL HE IS.

"MERCY  
TRUMPHS OVER  
JUDGMENT."



WORDS  
TO LIVE BY,  
WHATEVER ONE'S  
TRADITIONS.

TOO BAD  
IT'S SO DAMN  
HARD TO DO  
SO.



MATT MURDOCK AT PEACE.

AS ENJOYING A SIGHT AS ANYTHING ON THE OUTER PLANES.

DR. STRANGE!

HOW'S SHE-HULK?



SHE'S DOING WELL! RECOVERED ALMOST INSTANTLY ONCE YOU EXORCISED THAT DEVIL FROM HER."

THANK YOU.

"LAST ONE"

WELL, GOD AND THE FACT THAT THE WOMAN HAS THE CONSTITUTION OF A BULL.

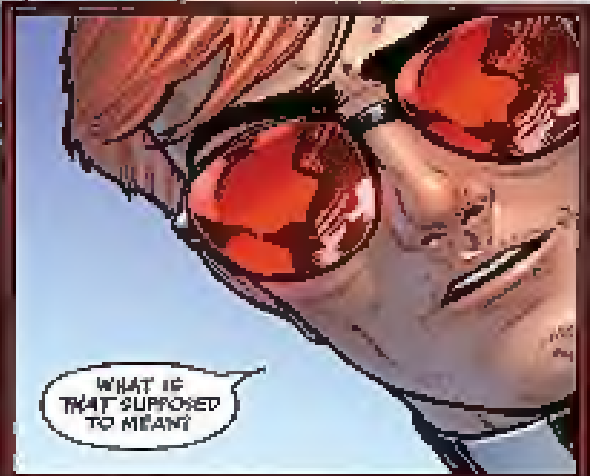
BUT, AS I TOLD YOU, THERE IS A BIGGER PICTURE WE NEED TO DISCUSS.



YOU SAID YOU KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT THESE DEVILS THAT HAVE BEEN POSSESSING PEOPLE AROUND ME?

I KNOW MANY THINGS. I'M HERE TO REMIND YOU OF WHAT YOU KNOW.

WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?





IT MEANS YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TRAIL THESE DIABOLICAL ENTITIES FOLLOWED TO GET TO HELL'S KITCHEN.

YOU JUST NEED A LITTLE FAITH IN ADMITTING IT.

CONSIDER ME THAT PUSH.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHAT TRAIL THEY FOLLOWED? I DON'T--



OH MY LORD.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT *ME*, THEY FOLLOWED ME OUT OF HELL.

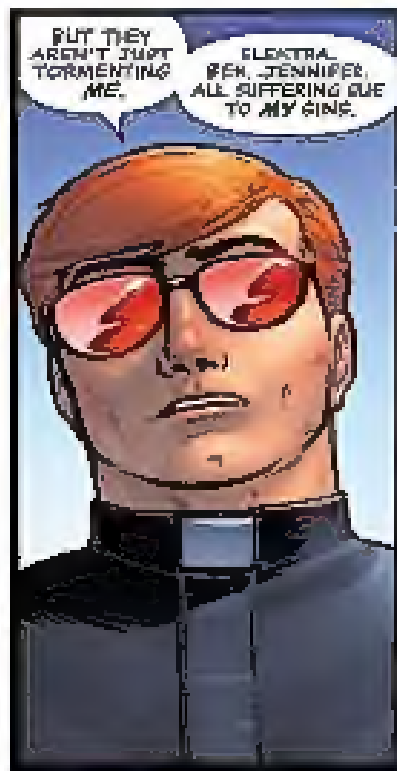
WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER.

AND IT SEEMS THEY'RE HERE TO DRAG YOU BACK.



MAYBE...

...MAYBE  
THAT'S WHAT I  
DESERVE.



BUT THEY  
AREN'T JUST  
TORMENTING  
ME.

ELEKTRA,  
BEN, JENNIFER,  
ALL SUFFERING DUE  
TO MY SINE.



WHY WOULD  
GOD ALLOW  
THAT?

PRETTY  
SURE THAT  
QUESTIONED YOUR  
DEPARTMENT,  
FATHER.



OKAY, THEN  
HOW ABOUT YOU,  
MR. ~~FORCER~~  
SUPREME?

THESE DEVILS  
HAVE BEEN MORTING  
PEOPLE. WHY DON'T YOU  
JUST SQUASH THEM  
WITH MAGIC?

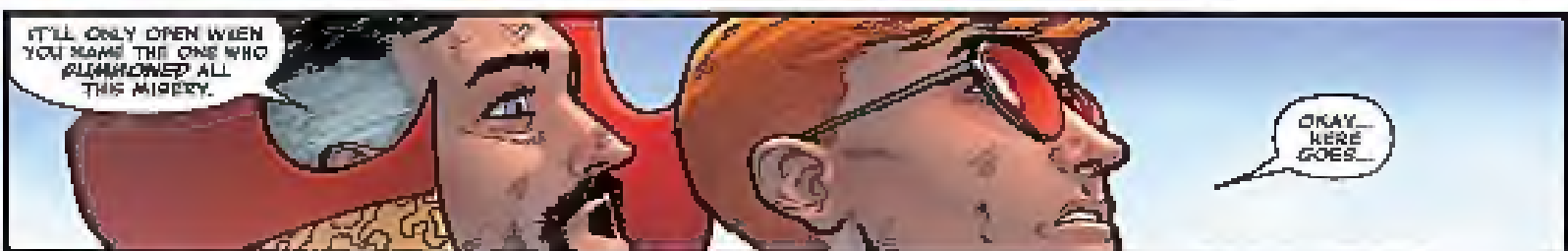
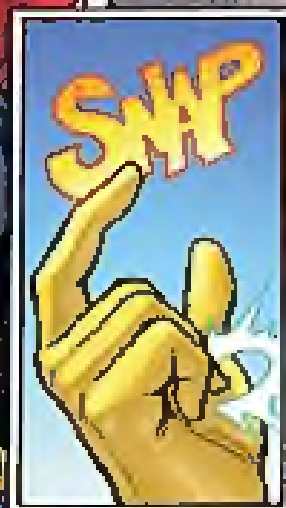


BECAUSE  
THEY'RE YOUR  
DEVILS.

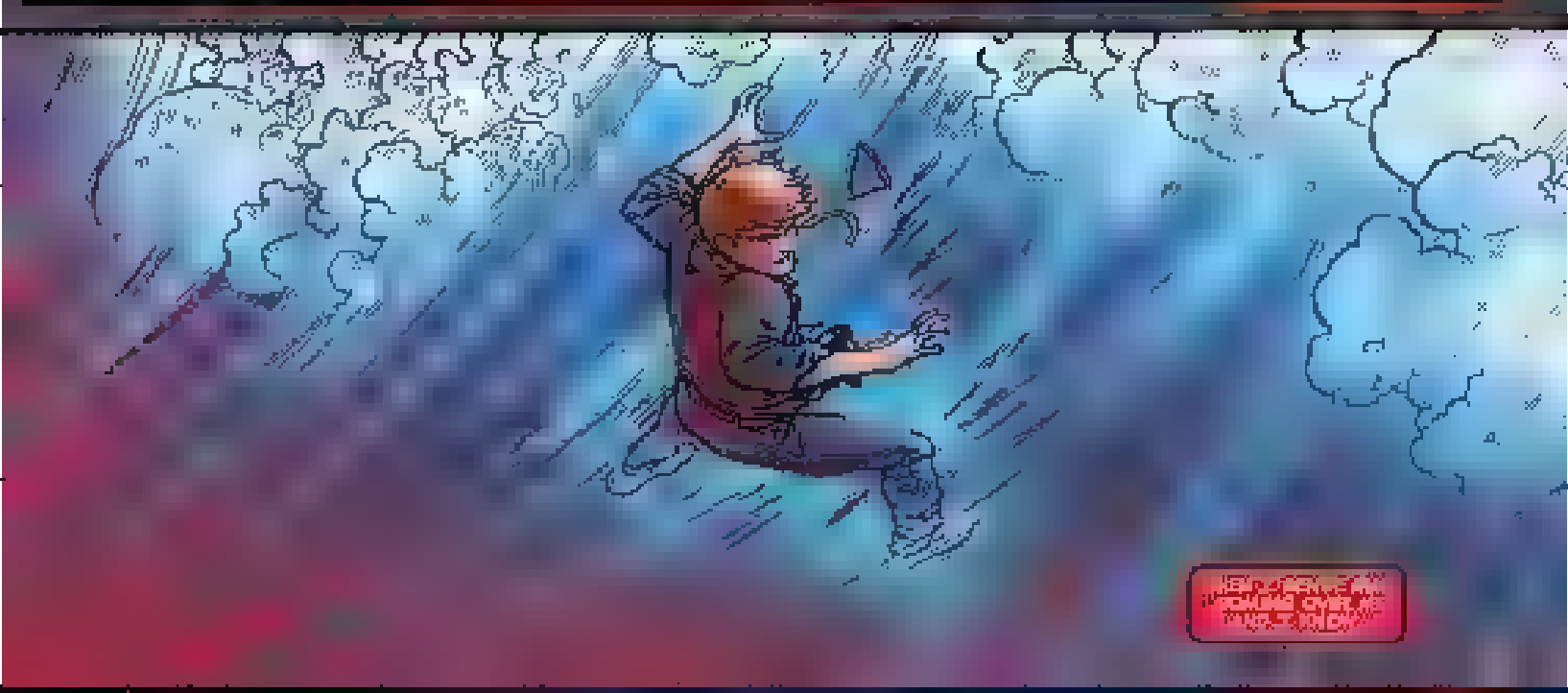
ASKING ME  
TO DESTROY THEM IS  
LIKE ASKING ME TO DECIDE  
YOUR FAVORITE COLOR, OR  
ASKING ME TO LOVE YOUR  
FATHER FOR YOU.

IT JUST  
DOESN'T WORK  
THAT WAY.















MANTIS

MANTIS

MANTIS

FATHER, MANTIS HAS TAKEN THE MANTIS AND IS NOW ON THE MANTIS

MANTIS HAS TAKEN THE MANTIS

PLEASE!  
I I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND.

I DESERVE  
THE PAIN. ALL OF  
IT BUT MY FRIENDS.  
WHY WOULD  
YOU?

KNOW  
YE NOT YOUR  
OWN SELF?

THAT'S  
MY VOICE

WAIT,  
COME  
BACK!

DELIVER SUCH  
ANY ONE UNTO SATAN  
FOR THE DESTRUCTION  
OF THE FLESH, THAT  
THE SPIRIT MAY  
BE SAVED



THE RAINBOW

THE MOUNTAINS

THE SKY

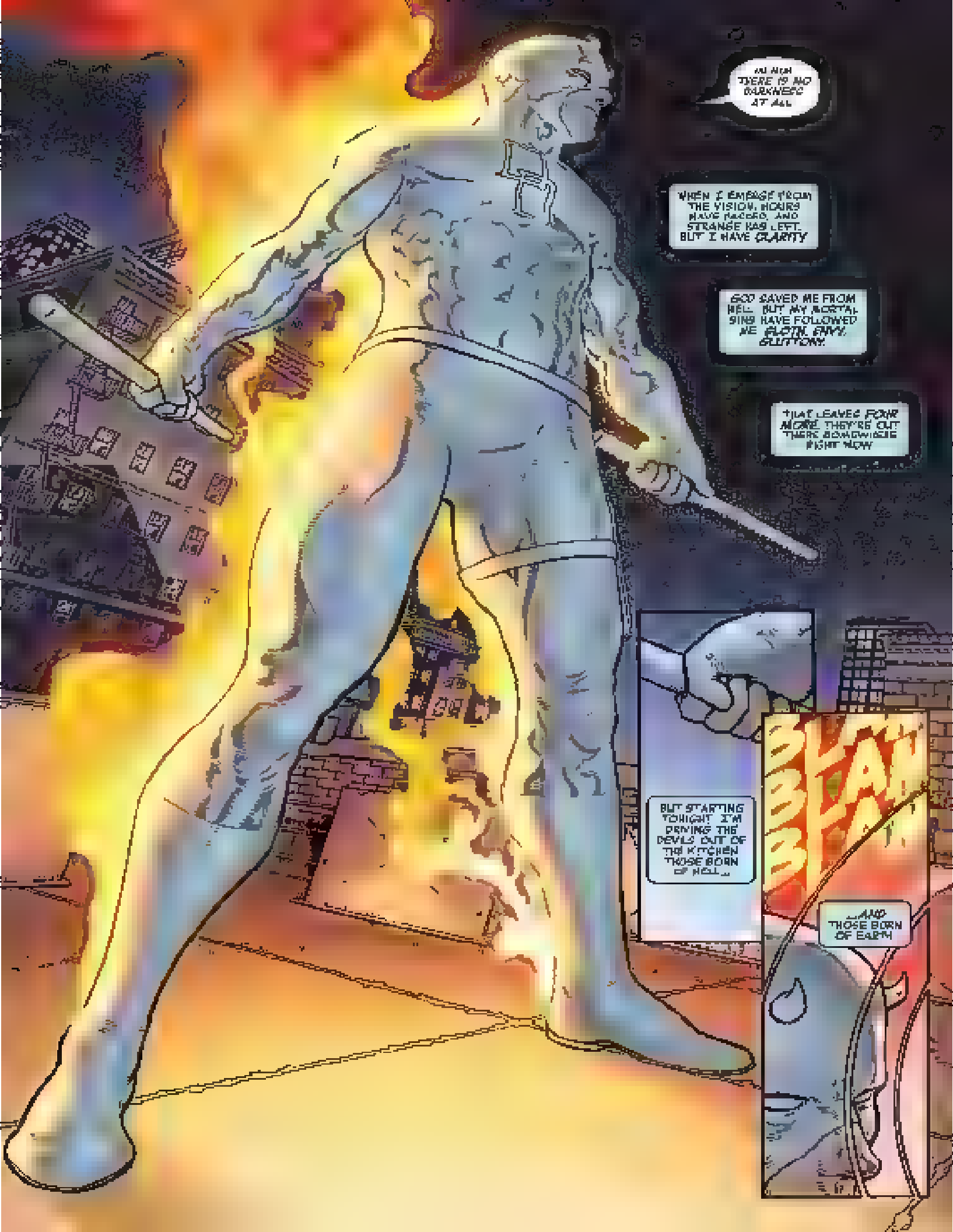
THE GRASS

THE PERSON

THE LIGHT



GOD IS LIGHT!



AN HOUR  
THERE IS NO  
DARKNESS  
AT ALL

WHEN I EMERGE FROM  
THE VISION, HOURS  
HAVE PASSES, AND  
STRANGE HAS LEFT.  
BUT I HAVE CLARITY

GOD SAVED ME FROM  
HELL, BUT MY MORTAL  
SINS HAVE FOLLOWED  
ME. FLOTH, ENNY,  
GLUTTONY.

THAT LEAVES FOUR  
MORE THEY'RE OUT  
THERE SOMEWHERE  
RIGHT NOW

BUT STARTING  
TONIGHT I'M  
DRIVING THE  
DEVILS OUT OF  
THE KITCHEN  
THOSE BORN  
OF HELL...

BLAM  
BLAM  
BLAM

AND  
THOSE BORN  
OF EARTH



SOON.

THE HEAT HAVE  
ELIMINATED THEIR  
HORN & FL  
CONNECTION AND  
ARE PURSUING  
HELL'S R. TOWN

THEIR NUMBERS  
ARE SEEMINGLY  
ENDLESS

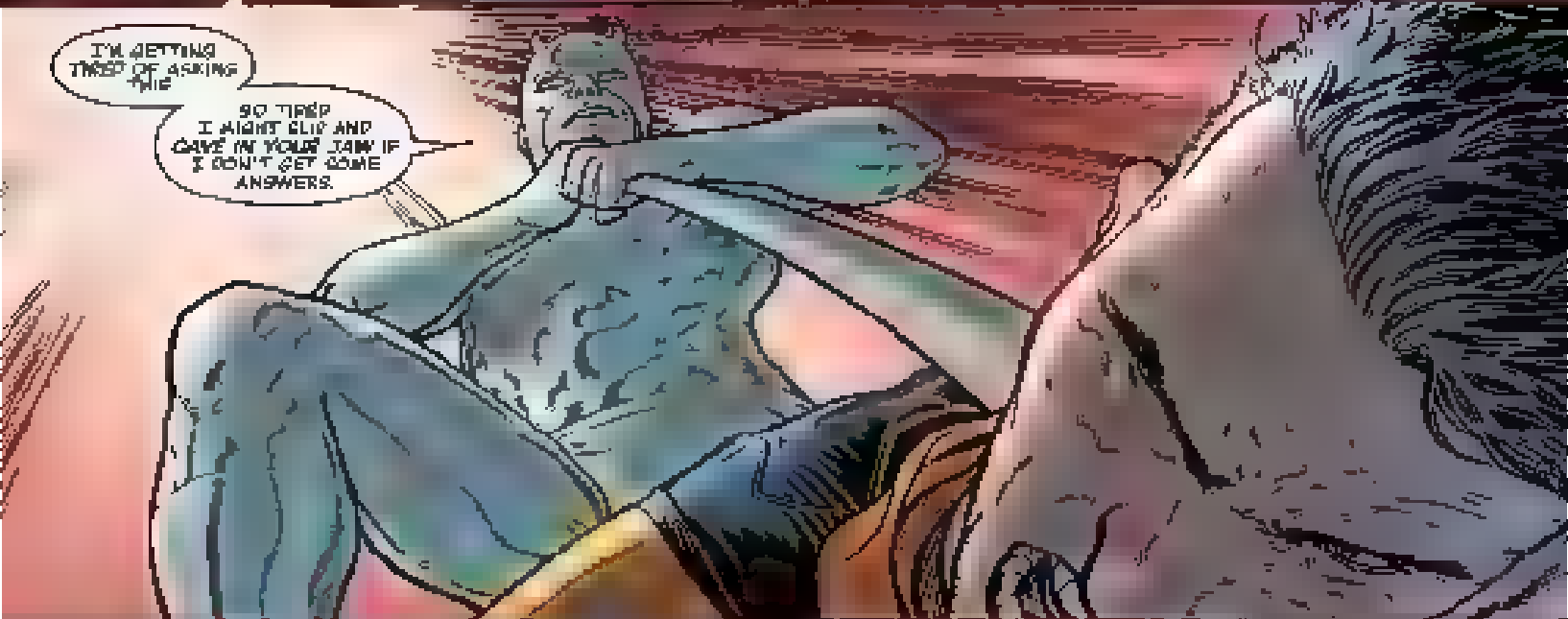
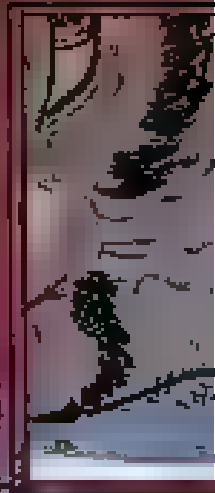
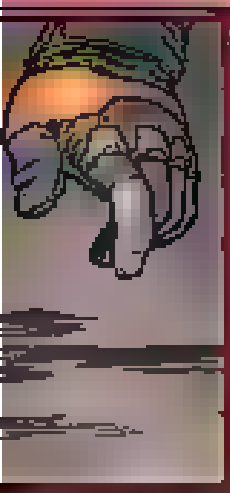
THEY HAVE TECH THAT  
EVENTUALLY COULD BE LOADED  
WITH FORTUNE MONEY  
CAN'T AFFORD

I STOPPED THEIR HIT  
ON BUTCH PARRIS  
BUT THEY SAID A  
MATTER OF TIME IN  
THEIR OPERATIONS

BUT THEY  
JUST KEEP  
COMING

I'VE BEEN SO LOST IN  
THE BATTLE OF MY OWN  
SALVATION THAT I'VE  
INADVERTENTLY LET  
THEM RUN RAMPANT

BUT THAT  
ENDS  
TONIGHT



I'M GETTING  
TIRED OF ASKING  
HIM

SO TIRED  
I MIGHT GLIP AND  
GAVE IN YOUR JAW IF  
I DON'T GET SOME  
ANSWERS.

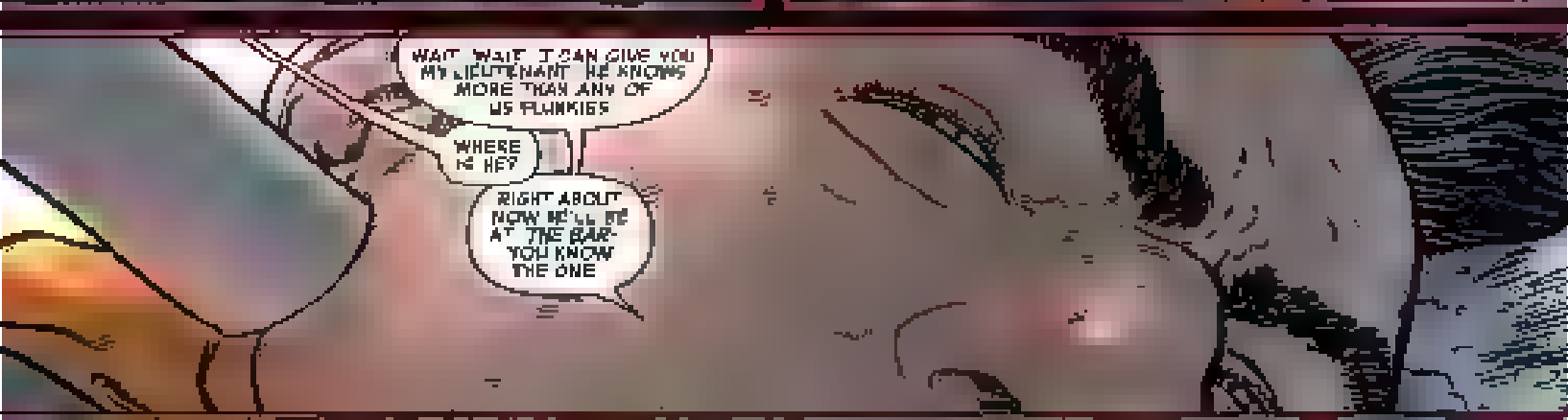


SO ONE  
LAST TIME...  
WHO'S RETURNING  
THIS SHIRT?



MAN, I  
SWEAR TO GOD,  
I DON'T KNOW!  
NONE OF US KNOW  
THE HIGHER  
JPG

WRONG  
ANSWER!



WAIT WAIT I CAN GIVE YOU  
MY LIEUTENANT HE KNOWS  
MORE THAN ANY OF  
US PLUNKIES

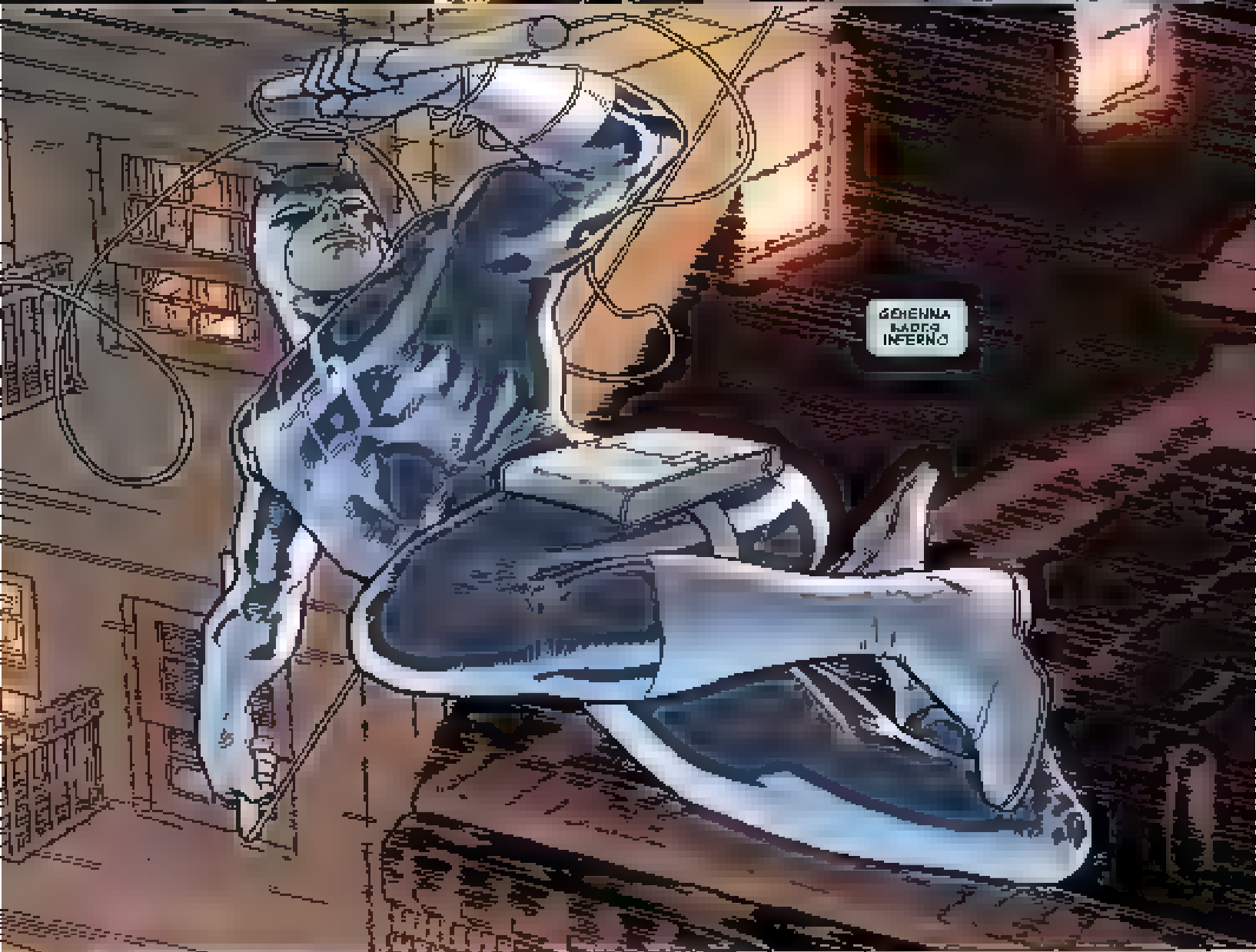
WHERE  
IS HE?

RIGHT ABOUT  
NOW HE'LL BE  
AT THE BAR.  
YOU KNOW  
THE ONE



HELL IS A  
BIG PLACE

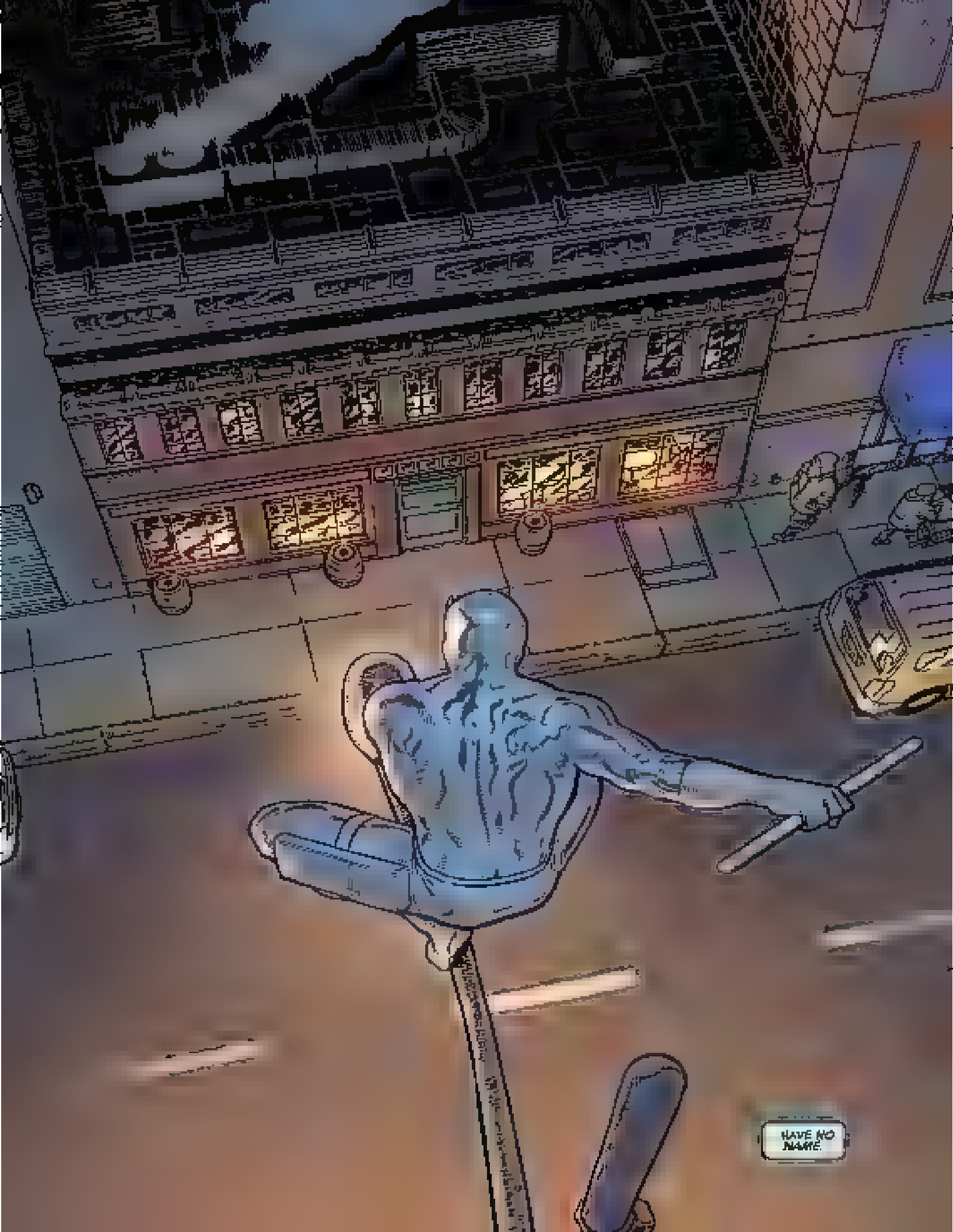
OVER THE AGES  
ITS CIRCLES AND  
LAYERS HAVE BEEN  
GIVEN COUNTLESS  
APPELLATIONS



GENEENNA  
LADDS  
INFERNO



BUT SOME  
PARTS OF  
HELL



HAVE NO  
NAME.



AS I APPROACH, MY SENSES ARE  
FLOODED WITH THE FAMILIAR,  
SMOKE, GURLY SHOUTS, WHISKY  
WHISPERED FEAR.

IT'S NOT THE GOOD  
KIND OF FAMILIAR.  
IT'S THE SORT THAT  
MARKS A RETURN  
TO EVIL HABITS.

THIS IS A PLACE  
WHERE, MORE TIMES  
THAN I CAN COUNT,  
I HAVE INDULGED  
MY WRATH.

NOW, LOOKING  
FOR ANSWERS,  
I PREPARE TO  
DO SO AGAIN.

AGGGGGHHHHH

PUN

SOMEONE'S  
BEAT ME TO IT.

HEY,  
BUB.

LET'S  
DANCE.

# DEARDEVIL

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**HOLY SNIKT! WHO'S THAT ON THE FINAL PAGE OF THIS ISSUE?**

Hello, Hornheads! DD Editor DDevlin Lewis reporting to you live and in print in the first week of 2024!

Let's skip the small talk and get right to it--WE HAVE HUGE THINGS IN STORE FOR YOU THIS YEAR IN THE PAGES OF DAREDEVIL! Obviously! Take a look at the guest stars we've enlisted just in the first couple of issues of the year--first Doctor Strange and WOLVERINE on the horizon? What else could we be planning? WHAT OTHER FIGURES MIGHT LOOM LARGE IN MATT MURDOCK'S LIFE?!

(I'm dropping a sizable hint here, pun intended.)

One figure that'll be looming large in our year, at the very least, is SIXTY--as April marks SIXTY FEARLESS YEARS OF DAREDEVIL! I think you'll all agree that ol' Hornhead's aged exceedingly well, and we're going to celebrate in style! April's DAREDEVIL #8 will start the celebration, with some VERY familiar faces!

As if all that goodness wasn't enough, we've also started the new year off the best way possible here at Marvel HQ--with an OVERFLOWING digital mailing, full of comments and critiques on the continuing adventures of your favorite Hell's Kitchen-based crimefighter(s) and mine!

So enough gabbing and yapping--let's make with the letters!

Dear Team DAREDEVIL,

WOW! I continue to love the designs of these Seven Deadly Sins. Two down and five to go!

Envy looked amazing with her elements of Medusa hair, Ceryne/Lamia scales, Harpy-like claws...and the horrifying way it was perched on Urich's shoulders...so fantastically freaky! And the green of Envy contrasted with the red of Matt/Daredevil? Perfect!

I absolutely continue to love the story, but the art of this book really pushes it to the next level.

I admit the addition of Bullseye into the story might've seemed a bit shoehorned to me (classic villain forced into a story focused on fresh antagonists and tales), but I'm curious to see where it goes. I love the clear implication of "he doesn't miss"--whoever hired Bullseye didn't actually want Butch dead, just injured. I'll be curious to see what role Butch's seemingly intentional maiming plays in the unfolding story ahead.

AWESOME book.

Thanks!

Andrew S.  
Alexandria, VA

Thanks for reading and for writing, Andrew! Saladin, Aaron, Germán, Farid, Jesus and Clayton are all bringing the HEAT with each and every issue--so glad to hear it's paying off for you Marvelites too!

Bullseye's first appearance in the series was just a teaser, an amuse-bouche, if you will! Keep reading! I think you'll like what we have in store...

Dear DEARDEVIL,

I really appreciate Father Matt Murdock making sure no one can figure out he was a lawyer for decades by making simple legal mistakes. When he told Ben Urich that the Daily Bugle had printed slander instead of libel, I really believed there was no way he could have ever been an attorney!

Of course, if this was unintentional and you still give out No-Prizes, I would happily collect one.

I love the new run. But I love every DAREDEVIL run I have read so maybe I am just a sucker for Daredevil.

Michael H.

HM. That IS strange that someone who used to be a lawyer would make such a slipup, Michael. But is Father Matt who he says he is? Is he even who he THINKS he is? What if he's a clone? A brainwashed long-lost friend of Matt's? MAYBE HE'S A RUBOT?!

**WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?!**

I guess it's possible we juggled up slander and libel too...

Dear DAREDEVIL,

This has been such an amazing opening to this run. The art was out of this world. Just as I thought to myself, "Geez they're character-assassinating Ben Urich," I flipped the page and saw that awesome art of the demon controlling Ben.

I noticed on the demon's forehead, it had the DD logo. It got me thinking about Matt's return and this possession story as a whole. I wonder if the demons will be linked to Matt's return in a way. Nothing comes without a cost, and bringing Matt back to life would be pricey.

I'm curious to see how much this demon and his brothers are connected to Matt's return as a priest.

Keep up the great work, team!!

Devlin C.  
Ottawa, Canada

P.S. For Davis, do you also use the gamertag DareDeviln?

Thanks for reading and for writing, Devin! You might just be on to something, as you suss out the details of the story Saladin and co. are crafting! Breaking a soul out of the afterlife does often take an incredible amount of effort and comes at a great cost...

P.S. Negative on the gamertag! Just a funny sign-off for the column. Though I am out there in the wilds of *Fortnite*, running around with my Ghost Rider and Daredevil skins!

OKAY! THAT'S IT! Literally all the space we have for this one. Be here next month for my favorite issue yet! That ain't a paper tiger--it's the one and only WOLVERINE!

Over and out!

Devin



ON SALE IN MARCH!